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SUBJ: VISIT OF TREASURY TAX TREATY NEGOTIATING TEAM

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 2511; (B) STATE 51631

1. MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE UNDERSECRETARY DR. AHMAD KOOROS CALLED EMBOFF ON MARCH 19 TO DISCUSS TAX TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF COPY OF US DRAFT TREATY CAN BE RECEIVED BY AIRMAIL, PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF US DELEGATION SO THAT MINISTRY EXPERTS WILL HAVE TIME TO STUDY THE TEXT, BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS COULD BE COMPLETED MUCH MORE QUICKLY. ORIGINAL ARRIVAL TIME (REF B) PROBABLY STILL WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. DR. KOOROS ALSO SAID HE NOW EXPECTS TRIP TO LONDON (REF A) TO BE CANCELLED, AND HE PROBABLY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON APRIL 3.

2. EMBASSY REGRETS CONFUSION REGARDING TIMING OF TAX TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, BUT GOI OFFICIALS DIRECTLY INVOLVED SEEM TO HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FOCUS ON ARRANGEMENTS. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY. MOEAF WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 21-26 FOR IRANIAN NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.
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